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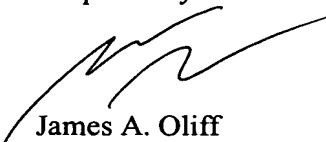
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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- ☒ 2. In accordance with the October 19, 2004 USPTO Official Gazette Notice, copies of pending U.S. patent applications filed on or after June 30, 2003, or entering the U.S. National Stage after June 30, 2003, are not attached.
- ☒ 3. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached hereto. See References 1 & 2.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1 & 2.
- ☒ 5. One or more co-pending U.S. patent application is identified on the attached Form PTO 1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

- ☒ 6. A concise explanation of relevance is enclosed for references 1 & 2.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number	Date	Country	With English Abstract	With English Translation
	1	JP A 2005-217663	11/8/2005	Japan	X	X
	2	JP A 2004-153472	5/27/2004	Japan	X	X

## OTHER DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)
	3	U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/401,090; filed April 10, 2006; Takanori Masui.

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Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

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List of Related References **NOT** Cited in the Specification

No.	Document Number or Title	Concise Explanation of Relevance for Non-English Language Information
1	JP-A 2004-153472	Disclosed is a system in which instruction data are transmitted from a client such as a multifunction center to a server to make the server execute a process described in the instruction data. This reference also discloses a scheme in which instruction data are transmitted between servers to allow processing of a process requested by the client through cooperation of multiple servers, and that the instruction data are encrypted by means of a public key of a server which is a destination of the instruction data.
2	JP-A 2005-217663	Disclosed is a document reading terminal device which determines whether a scanned document is an instruction or a document to which a process shown in the instruction is to be applied, and, when the read document is an instruction, stores, in a storage destination designated in the instruction, the scanned data of the read document which follows the instruction.